Reactor for RAPP

3795. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan has lately requested the Central Government for approving two more reactors of 220 MW units each at RAPP (RAPP-5 & 6) to improve power supply position in the Northern Region;

(b) if so, the details of the projected units, including the cost thereof; and

(c) the reasons justifying the same and Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Administrative approval and financial sanction to set up Rajasthan Atomic Power Project-5 & 6 (2 x 220 MWe), Rawatbhata, Rajasthan has been accorded by Government of India in March 2002. The construction on these units has commenced. This is in addition to the existing four units (RAPS-1 to 4) at the same location. The estimated completion cost of RAPP-5 & 6 is Rs. 3072 crore. The scheduled dates of commercial operations of RAPP-5&6 are August 2007 and February 2008 respectively. Setting up of these units is with a view to meet the electricity needs of the Northern Electricity Region, utilising the available potential of Rawatbhata site in Rajasthan.

Corruption in DAE

3796. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), there is no finance & technology audit by any Central agency in the name of National Nuclear Security and for Classified Records, rampant misappropriation of funds, drainage of National wealth, Mis-adventure on Technology and Nuclear blackmailing are going on at the cost of National Safety and Security as extensively reported in the print media;